

1 CORINTHIANS

LEARNING TO LIVE BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

"Confronting Immorality in the Church"

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

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Sexual immorality was an accepted fact of life for the common person in Greek culture, but it was not to be so among the followers of Jesus.



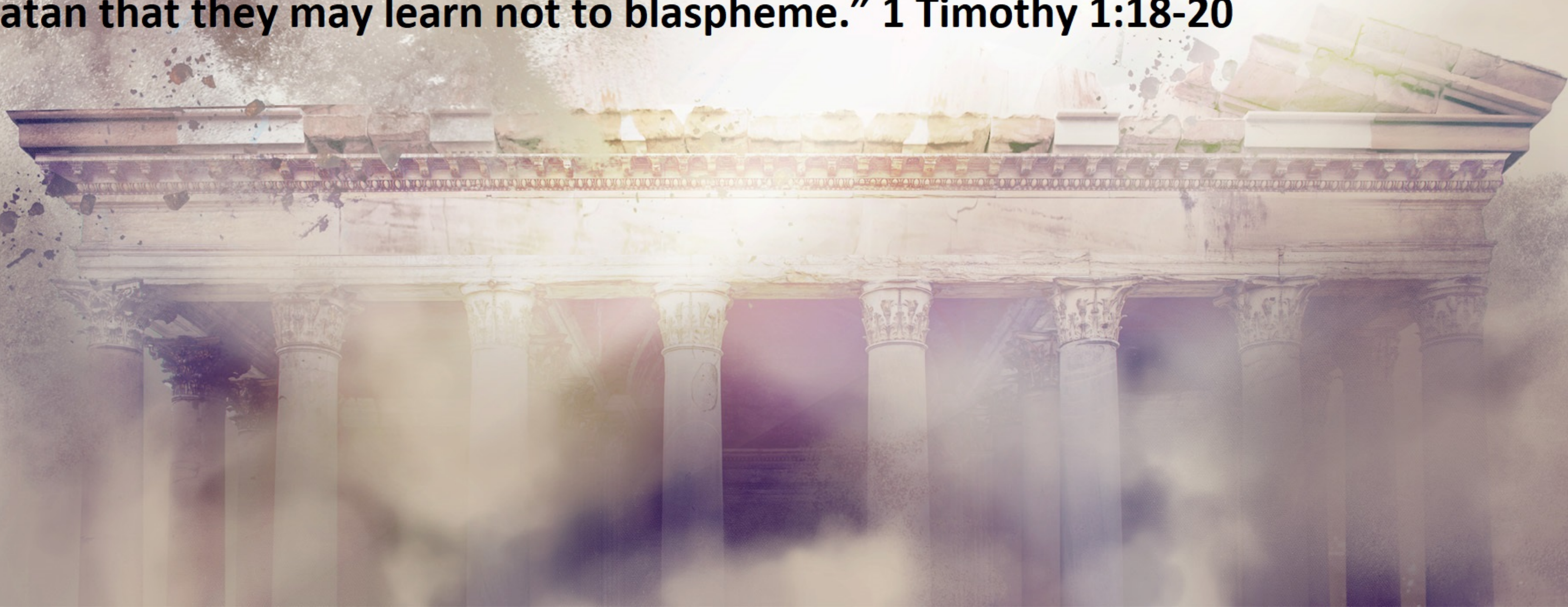
As bad as the sin itself was, Paul was more concerned that the Corinthian Christians seemed to take the sin lightly, as they were doing in this case.



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“This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.” 1 Timothy 1:18-20



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4. Actions speak louder than Words: Church discipline involves separating from someone who professes Christ but refuses to repent of their sin.

“Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.”

Matthew 18:15-17



“And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.” 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

